



SPEAKER'S BIO



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Joe Kelleher is a Commissioner with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), assigned to the Providence, RI field office. During his career of more than 17 years with the Agency, Mr. Kelleher has mediated more than 600 collective bargaining disputes and worked with both labor and management to help settle more than a dozen strikes. He has worked in a variety of industries, including health care, telecommunications, electrical, manufacturing, education, and transportation.

Mr. Kelleher has experience mediating and co-mediating high-profile disputes including a court-ordered mediation of a class action lawsuit involving worker pension benefits. The mediated resolution in this case paved the way for final settlement of the protracted litigation. In addition to mediating labor disputes, Mr. Kelleher has mediated employment issues for the U.S. Postal Service, the Merit Systems Protection Board appeals process, and EEO complaints for Federal agencies including the USDA, IRS, EPA, NOAA, and the Social Security Administration. Mr. Kelleher also teaches seminars on negotiation strategies, collective bargaining, interest-based bargaining, and contract administration. He completed Cornell University's Negotiating Strategies course in 1991.

Prior to joining the FMCS, Mr. Kelleher was the business manager and chief negotiator for the IBEW-1505, dealing with the Raytheon Company from 1984 to 1996. He also served as the town moderator for Millville, MA from 2004-2010, and as a member of the board of directors for the RTN Federal Credit Union.